72(*a*). The following form contains the information regarding value of produce removed under rights or granted free or at reduced rates as required by Government Resolution No. 4296, dated 8th June 1897 :—

	Timber.		Fuel.		Bamboos.		Grazing.	Minor produce.	Total.
	Cubic feet.	Value.	Cubic feet.	Value.	Cubic feet.	Value.			
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
					Right-holders.				
North Thánáá	...	...	991,996	23,299	52,040	981	42,806 0 0	1,260 0 0	68,346 0 0
Central Thaná... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
South Thánáá	...	...	22,550	5,468	...	...	4,999 6 0	4,429 8 0	15,896 14 0
Surat	...	...	15,000	400	...	...	82 4 0	500 0 0	982 4 0
Panch Mahálsa... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	...	...	1,029,546	30,167	52,040	981	47,887 10 0	6,189 8 0	85,225 2 0
					Free grants.				
North Thánáá	105	40	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	40 0 0
					Nos.				
Central Thánáá... ...	1,575	265	500,000	50,000	5,000	230	43,511 0 0	2,930 0 0	96,936 0 0
South Thánáá	3,258	1,072	...	...	...	...	48,686 8 0	.....	49,758 8 0
Surat	4,558	3,007	...	...	6,675	240	.....	.....	3,247 0 0
Panch Mahálsa... ...	234	31	...	...	160	3	.....	.....	34 0 0
Total ...	9,730	4,415	500,000	50,000	11,835	473	92,197 8 0	2,930 0 0	1,50,015 8 0
Grand Total ...	9,730	4,415	1,529,546	80,167	63,875	1,454	1,40,085 2 0	9,119 8 0	2,35,240 10 0

CHAPTER IV.

FINANCIAL RESULTS.

73. Financially the year has been a disastrous one. While there has been an excess of Rs. 22,444 in expenditure, receipts have fallen off by 2 lákhs. The following are the figures for the year :—

Year.	Receipt.	Expenditure.		Total.	Surplus.
		A.	B.		
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1895-96	7,83,283	1,08,221	1,89,216	2,97,437	4,85,846
1896-97	5,83,437	1,26,022	1,93,859	3,19,881	2,63,556
Increase ...	...	17,801	4,643	22,444	...
Decrease ...	1,99,846	...	...	...	2,22,290

74. The whole deficit falls practically under II-A. In Thánáá owing to low prices the sale of coupes produced Rs. 1,20,000 short, while Rs. 12,500 short was collected in Surat owing to the plague interfering with the demand for timber from both the upper and lower Dángs. In the Panch Mahálsa the sales from Málki numbers was also Rs. 64,000 short mainly owing to low

prices. Much against my will, the contracts in this Division were made for two years, but as the Divisional Forest Officer expected thereby to obtain better prices and the Collector insisted so strongly that I was forced to yield. Unfortunately the better prices were not obtained and it is to be feared that further next year's prices will be prejudicially affected.

The increased expenditure includes about Rs. 5,000 for payment of share to contractors for the removal of wood from the Dángs on share system, Rs. 2,000 extra on account of forest survey, Rs. 3,000 on account of land compensation for purchase of land in Tháná, Rs. 2,000 on account of Working Plans and Rs. 2,000 on account of fire conservancy.

75. In the following statement the financial results of the Northern Circle for the past 10 years are given :—

Year.	Receipts.	Expenditure.			Net Revenue.
		A.	B.	Total.	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1886-87	4,43,157	89,724	1,44,507	2,34,231	2,08,926
1887-88	4,73,104	85,645	1,45,407	2,31,052	2,42,052
1888-89	5,78,425	88,924	1,47,364	2,36,288	3,42,137
1889-90	5,96,066	93,419	1,45,341	2,38,760	3,57,306
1890-91	6,37,408	1,04,809	1,39,880	2,44,689	3,92,719
1891-92	6,14,270	93,399	1,30,089	2,23,488	3,90,782
1892-93	6,82,884	1,38,639	1,96,486	3,35,125	3,47,759
1893-94	7,60,953	98,047	1,66,899	2,64,946	4,96,007
1894-95	7,38,680	96,961	1,78,971	2,75,932	4,62,748
1895-96	7,83,283	1,08,221	1,89,216	2,97,437	4,85,746
1896-97	5,83,437	1,26,022	1,93,859	3,19,881	2,63,556

CHAPTER V.

FOREST ADMINISTRATION.

ESTABLISHMENT.

76. The Tháná District, which contained only two Divisions up to 31st December 1896, was split up and formed into 3 Divisions from the 1st of January 1897. They are North Tháná, Central Tháná, and South Tháná. This important change has been made with a view to better supervision over the working of the coupes. The Divisional Forest Officers now find more time to devote to some most important duties which have necessarily been hitherto either not at all or inefficiently performed, especially as regards the collection and record of data of yield and reservation, areas burnt, &c. These data, so important for control of the Working Plans and so necessary for the drawing up of permanent ones when the present preliminary Working Plans shall terminate, are even now after ten years of working practically unrecorded.

With this change in Divisions a Sub-Division Officer was moved to the Panch Mahál, where his services were urgently required for marking coupes in the Godhrá Range. Thus in this Circle now every Divisional Forest Officer has been provided with the assistance of a Sub-Division Officer.

77. In addition to this increase in the administrative strength, however, a large increase in the executive strength is called for. Such increase for the Surat District proper has been already sanctioned. For the leased forests of the Dángs, however, nothing can be done until the settlement has been placed on a satisfactory footing. This has been delayed by the demands on the officers of all departments in connection with plague and famine, but it is hoped will soon be taken in hand. In forwarding the divisional report the Political Agent writes :—